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1. FONMINISTRY INFORMS THAT VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FONMINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM, OAS AMBASSADOR JOSE MARIA MACHIN, OAS ALTERNATE AMBASSDOR JOSE RAMON DOVALE, UN AMBASSADOR SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI, AND FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY LEONARDO DIAZ GONZALEZ. VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE TECHNICIANS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND POSSIBLY OF THE GOV PLANNING AGENCY CORDIPLAN. NAMES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. FONMINISTER WILL DEPART FOR WASHINGTON MAY 7 OR 8 AND REMAIN IN THE US FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. HIS WIFE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF THE FONMINISTRY'S OAS SECTION, GAVE REGARDS REFORM OF THE OAS (TO MAKE IT MORE "PARTICIPATORY") AS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED. VENEZUELAN ALSO REGARD ELECTION OF A NEW SECRETARY GENERAL, THE OAS BUDGET, AND CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 26 AS IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

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3. FONMIN ESCOVAR HAS PRIVATELY ADVISED CHARGE THAT VENEZUELA DID NOT PLAN TO PRESENT ANY PROPOSALS TO THE OASGA, AND THAT VENEZUELA'S POSITION AT THE OASGA WILL BE COORDINATED WITH FONMINISTRIES OF OTHER HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW APRIL 25 ESCOVAR STATED THAT AT THE OASGA "VENEZUELA WILL EXPRESS THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST, NOT ONLY WITH A SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT, OR WITH A CERTAIN COUNTRY, BUT THE RESERVATIONS WHICH VENEZUELA HAS RESPECTING THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM." ESCOVAR INDICATED THAT THE RECENT PARIS PREPCON WOULD FIGURE IN VENEZUELA'S DISCUSSIONS AT THE OASGA OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. AS FOR THE OAS ITSELF, ESCOVAR STATED THAT IT "IS NOT ADAPTED TO PRESENT CHANGES. BUT IN ANY EVENT THE REFORMS TO BE APPROVED SHOULD NOT BE THE RESULT OF IMPROVISATION, OF A LIGHTNING FLASH, BUT THE RESULT OF VERY SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS." ASKED ABOUT CUBA, ESCOVAR SAID ONLY THAT IT IS "VERY POSSIBLE" THIS TOPIC WOULD BE RAISED.
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